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(MBHB Case No. 00-919-D 250/111)

PATENT

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In Re Application of:

Thompson

Serial No. 09/630,846

Filed: August 2, 2000

For: Improved Polymerase III Based  
Expression of Therapeutic RNAs

Examiner: K. Lacourciere

Art Unit: 1635

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 21, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, and in consideration of the telephonic interview with Examiner Lacourciere on August 9, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered as they were made to put the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Claims:**

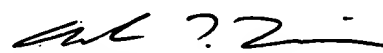
*Please amend the claims as follows:*

1. (Twice Amended) A transcribed non-naturally occurring RNA molecule, comprising a desired RNA portion, wherein said desired RNA portion is present between a 3'

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on August 21, 2002.

Date: August 21, 2002

  
Andrew W. Williams